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TO TIMBER COUNTY ASSESSORS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

SUGGESTED HARVEST VALUES SCHEDULES

On or before December 31, 2003, the State Board of Equalization (Board) shall estimate the immediate harvest values of and adopt schedules for each species or subclassification of timber harvested between January 1 and June 30, 2004 (Revenue and Taxation Code Section 38204[a]).

The enclosed suggested harvest values schedules are for the public discussion that will be held before the Board on December 4, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., in the Board Room, 450 N Street, Sacramento, California. The suggested values were developed by Board staff in consultation with the Timber Advisory Committee and are preliminary estimates of the immediate harvest values as of January 1, 2004. Any additional information forthcoming or presented as a result of the public discussion will be considered before final Board adoption.

If you have any questions regarding these suggested harvest values schedules, please call Mr. Gary Platz, Principal Property Appraiser, County Property Tax Division, at (916) 445-6964. Written comments or requests to present testimony at the Board meeting should be directed to Ms. Joann Richmond, Property Tax Appeals Analyst, (916) 322-1931, P.O. Box 942879, 450 N Street, MIC: 81, Sacramento, CA 94279-0081, so that an orderly agenda can be prepared.

At the conclusion of any public discussion, or thereafter, but, on or before December 31, 2003, the Board shall adopt harvest values schedules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Deborah Pellegrini", is written over a horizontal line.

Deborah Pellegrini, Chief
Board Proceedings Division
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Enclosures

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This is a draft document prepared by staff and does not reflect the Board's opinion or formal positions.

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CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
HARVEST VALUES SCHEDULE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004
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INSTRUCTIONS

REPORTING PROCEDURE - Timber tax returns must be filed using the Timber Tax Account Number of the timber owner (R&T code 38115). Each return shall include only timber having the same timber owner as shown for the registration of the account on the return.

The Timber Tax Harvest Report must be completed before preparing the Timber Tax Return.

TAX RATE - The tax rate for the period of this schedule is 2.9%.

TIMBER HARVEST OPERATION - DEFINITIONS

- A. A harvest on private land for an entire Timber Harvesting Plan, Notice of Timber Operations, or Emergency Notice, or a combination of these sharing a common geographical area, as submitted to the Department of Forestry. Two or more timber owners who elect to combine their harvests under one harvest permit may report each harvest as a separate operation so long as each owner has a distinct timber parcel and each has a separate yield tax account. Taxpayers must maintain sufficient records to support the reporting of separate operations.
- B. A harvest on public land for an entire timber sale contract between a public agency and a purchaser.

HARVEST VALUES SCHEDULE - The Timber Owner shall select the appropriate table values to be used for preparing the Timber Tax Harvest Report and the Timber Tax Return. Nine timber value areas are designated within the State, and the taxpayer must use the appropriate column of the harvest values schedule for timber harvested within each specified area. Timber value areas are shown on the map on page 3, and the boundaries of these areas follow county boundaries with exceptions in Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity Counties.

SPECIES - Timber species or products are reported by using the appropriate species code as shown on pages 4, 5, and 6 in the harvest values tables. Jeffrey pine, sugar pine, coulter pine and western white pine are all reported as ponderosa pine. Hem/fir includes western hemlock, mountain hemlock, white fir, red fir, grand fir, spruce, and Shasta red fir. Western red cedar is reported as incense cedar. The Miscellaneous conifer code includes lodgepole pine, knobcone pine, gray pine, sierra redwood and other evergreen species not listed in tables G and S. (See Table 1 for the appropriate harvest value of CM.) Small Sawlogs Miscellaneous (SSM) category includes volume harvested from the operation for the entire quarter. To see if you qualify for this species code read the definition found in the Table 1 instructions on page 4. Unsound sapwood logs are to be reported along with the other volumes for a particular species code.

CULL LOGS - Cull logs are any that, when scaled, show less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of its gross volume as sound, usable lumber. Cull logs are to be reported in adjusted gross M board feet. Unsound sapwood logs are not classified as cull logs.

SALVAGE TIMBER - The salvage values table is used for reporting salvage timber removed from areas designated for salvage logging. Salvage logging is defined as the removal of dead and/or dying trees that are expected to survive less than 12 months if not harvested. For redwood, salvage logging includes the removal of dead or down material previously left as unmerchantable.

- ◆ Salvage timber includes only dead, dying, fatally damaged, or downed trees removed from an area of salvage logging.
- ◆ Non-salvage trees removed from an area of salvage logging do not qualify to use the salvage value tables.
- ◆ Salvage trees should not be reported as salvage timber if they are removed as part of a normal harvest.

LOGGING SYSTEM ADJUSTMENTS - The taxpayer must report the volume of timber harvested by logging system. Logging systems and logging code numbers are as follows: Tractor, which includes yarding with a winch, rubber tired skidder, horse logging and endlining, is coded as "T", cable and skyline yarder as "S", and Helicopter as "H". Any system not listed here will be reported as tractor, unless a special request is made prior to logging. Note that the table values are for tractor logging; adjustments should be made when other logging systems are used.

VOLUMES - All volumes are reported in net Scribner short-log scale (20 feet maximum scaling length) except where otherwise indicated in Table 1. For national forest timber sold on scaled volumes the Forest Service statements of account (billing statement) shall be the basis for determining taxable volume. For reporting lump-sum sales, use the timber volumes actually scaled during the quarter. To convert split products to a board foot basis, multiply the thickness by the width and by the length (all in inches) and divide by 144 ($T'' \times W'' \times L'' / 144$) = Board Feet per piece.

INSTRUCTIONS

AVERAGE VOLUME PER LOG (AV/L) - The taxpayer determines the average net volume per 16' log (AV/L) for those species requiring a quality code. The average volume per log is determined from the quarterly volume within the harvest operation, and is calculated by dividing the net Scribner volume for the species by the number of sixteen foot short-log scaling segments. The number of scaling segments may be determined by dividing the total number of linear feet by 16. Cull logs are excluded when making this determination, however small sawlogs (SSM) should be included. When the AV/L is determined from a cruise or other statistical sample prior to logging, it shall remain fixed for reporting purposes during the life of the operation.

TABLES - Harvest values tables provide the taxpayer with information necessary for reporting the timber yield tax. The following are included: Table 1 for valuing Miscellaneous Harvest Values, Table G for green timber, and Table S for salvage timber. The prices are expressed as a dollar amount per thousand (M) board feet or other unit of measure. Species codes and units of measure are shown in the tables for preparation of the Timber Tax Harvest Report. Adjustments to value may be available, if the requirements in the "VALUE ADJUSTMENTS" instructions are met.

VALUE ADJUSTMENTS - Low volume harvests may qualify for reduction of harvest value. Volume criteria and adjustment amounts are shown at the bottom of Tables S and G. There are no value adjustments for Table 1, Miscellaneous Harvest Values. The small total volume adjustment is available to all qualifying timber harvest operations. The low average volume per acre adjustment is only available to green timber found in Table G; both adjustments may be used if the operation meets the applicable criteria. To determine the average net volume per acre, divide the total net volume harvested during the reporting quarter by the actual acres harvested.

EXEMPT TIMBER - Timber removed from a timber harvest operation whose immediate harvest value does not exceed \$3000 in a quarter is exempt from timber yield tax. If line 21 of a harvest report is not greater than \$3000 for an operation, do not carry the value forward to the tax return; instead write "EXEMPT" in large letters across the face of the harvest report. If all of your operations harvested for the quarter qualify for this exemption, enter zero in column 4 on line 10 of the tax return, sign, and file the return along with the harvest reports, according to instructions. If you have both exempt and taxable operations, transfer only the value information from the taxable operations to the tax return and follow the instructions for completing and filing a return.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you need general information about the timber yield tax, or help completing your timber tax forms, you may call the Board's 800 Number Information Center. Customer service representatives are available to help you Monday through Friday (except State holidays), from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Pacific time). Call 800-400-7115.

For TDD assistance (telephone device for the deaf), call: 800-735-2929 (from TDD phones), or 800-735-2922

For specific information about your account or tax reporting requirements, you may write, call or fax:

Timber Tax Section, MIC: 60
State Board of Equalization PO Box 942879, Sacramento, CA 94279-0060
phone 916-445-6964 or fax 916-324-2757

PRIVACY NOTICE - INFORMATION FURNISHED THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION IS HELD CONFIDENTIAL

The Information Practices Act of 1977 requires this agency to provide the following notice to individual taxpayers who are asked by the State Board of Equalization to supply information:

The principal purpose for which the requested information will be used is to administer the California Timber Yield Tax Law. This includes the determination and collection of the correct amount of tax.

An individual taxpayer has the right of access to personal information about himself or herself in records maintained by the State Board of Equalization. The Board official responsible for maintaining Timber Tax Information is the County Property Tax Division Chief, Property Taxes Department, 450 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, Telephone 916-445-6964.

The California Revenue and Taxation Code, Part 18.5 (Timber Yield Tax), requires individuals and other persons meeting certain requirements to file applications for registration and tax returns in such form as prescribed by the State Board of Equalization.

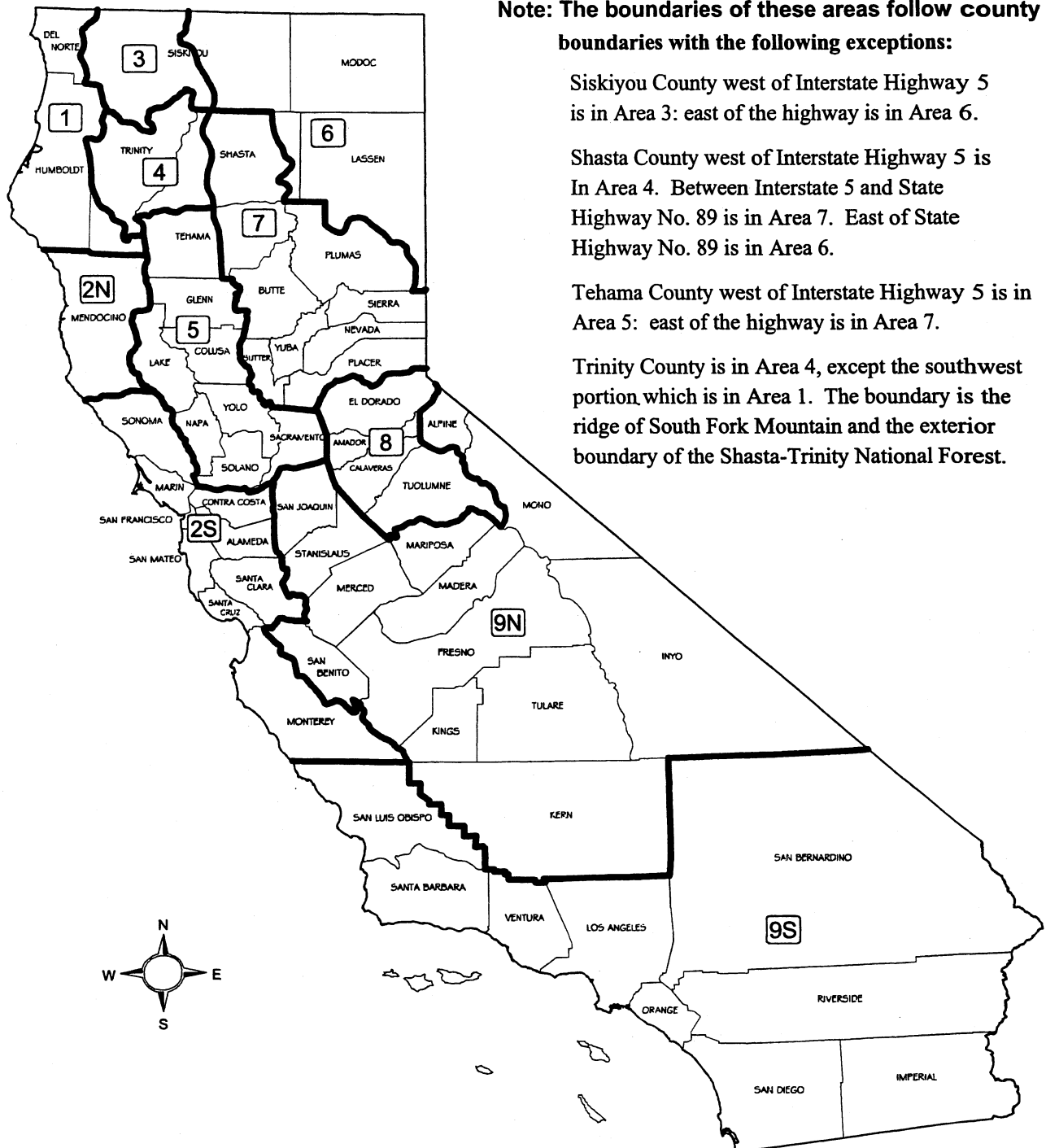
It is mandatory that such individuals and other persons furnish all the required information requested by applications for registration, tax returns and other related data, except that the furnishing of social security numbers by individual applicants for Timber Yield Tax Accounts is voluntary. In addition, the law provides penalties for failure to file a return, for failure to furnish specific information required, for failure to supply information required by law or regulations, and for furnishing fraudulent information.

Information individuals and other taxpayers furnish to the State Board of Equalization may be given to federal, state and local government agencies as authorized by law.

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Timber Value Areas

Produced by: Tax Area Services - Geographic Information Center



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TABLE 1 MISCELLANEOUS HARVEST VALUES - This table is applicable to all timber value areas and shows the harvest values for special items such as Christmas trees, fuelwood, chipwood, poles, posts, split products, small sawlogs, cull logs and miscellaneous conifers. Small sawlogs (SSM) are conifer logs of any species, except coastal redwood, where the average net volume per 16-ft log for all sawlogs removed from a timber harvest operation during the reporting quarter is less than 65 board feet, Scribner Short Log Scale. Cull logs are to be reported in adjusted gross M board feet. For cull logs measured in tons, use a conversion factor of 4 tons per adjusted gross MBF, Scribner scale. For a listing of species included in the miscellaneous conifer category, see the SPECIES instructions on page 1. Except for split products, small sawlogs, and miscellaneous conifers, the items in this table are to be reported in column 17 (other unit measure) on the Timber Tax Harvest Report.

TABLE 1 - MISCELLANEOUS HARVEST VALUES

SPECIES OR PRODUCT	SPECIES CODE	UNIT	HARVEST VALUE PER UNIT
Christmas trees, Natural Misc.	XNM	Lineal Feet	N/A
Christmas trees, Natural Red Fir	XNR	Lineal Feet	N/A
Christmas trees, Natural White Fir	XNW	Lineal Feet	N/A
Christmas trees, Plantation	XP	Lineal Feet	N/A
Cull logs	CUL	Adj. Gross M board feet	5.00
Fuelwood, hardwood	FWH	Cords	35.00
Fuelwood, miscellaneous	FWM	Cords	30.00
Pulp chipwood & hardwood logs	HW	Green Tons	1.00
Woods-produced fuel chips	CS	Bone Dry Tons	0.00
Poles & pilings, small (20' - 40')	PS	Linear feet	0.60
Poles & pilings, medium (41' - 60')	PM	Linear feet	1.00
Poles & pilings, large (61' - up)	PL	Linear feet	1.60
Posts, round	PST	8 Linear feet	0.20
Split products, redwood	TR	Net M board feet	75.00
Split products, miscellaneous	TM	Net M board feet	10.00
Small sawlogs, miscellaneous ^{1/}	SSM	Net M board feet	100.00
Miscellaneous conifer species	CM	Net M board feet	120.00

No adjustments for this table

^{1/} Do not include coastal redwood volume in the Small Sawlog Miscellaneous category.

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TABLE G - TIMBER HARVEST VALUES - This table shows the harvest values for the timber by species, size and timber value area. The taxpayer makes the adjustments for the logging system, for small total volume on the harvest operation, low volume per acre on the harvest operation, and county location if the operation qualifies.

Tractor Logging (Logging Code T)															
SPECIES		SPECIES	VOLUME	TIMBER VALUE AREA											
SPECIES		CODE	PER LOG	SIZE CODE	1	2N	2S	3	4	5	6	7	8	9N	9S
Ponderosa Pine			Over 300	1	310	290	270	470	440	460	440	500	450	420	180
		PPG	150-300	2	250	240	220	370	330	390	330	370	350	360	130
			Under 150	3	170	200	150	270	200	190	250	270	300	270	110
Hem/fir		FG	N/A	N/A	110	70	60	160	180	150	230	200	150	160	50
Douglas-fir			Over 300	1	380	300	280	410	440	420	430	470	430	240	90
		DFG	150-300	2	320	210	200	360	380	380	390	390	310	200	90
			Under 150	3	280	190	180	320	330	280	360	350	280	190	90
Incense Cedar		ICG	N/A	N/A	270	270	N/A	370	370	380	400	420	320	320	170
Redwood			Over 300	1	760	720	720	N/A	N/A	600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		RG	150-300	2	670	610	630	N/A	N/A	500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
			Under 150	3	620	570	590	N/A	N/A	400	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Port-Orford Cedar		PCG	Over 125	1	1000	N/A	N/A	750	750	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
			125 & Under	2	300	N/A	N/A	300	300	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

ADJUSTMENTS

Logging System:

Deduct \$40 for volumes which were yarder/skyline logged (Logging Code S)
Deduct \$140 for volumes which were helicopter logged (Logging Code H)

Small Total Volume:

Deduct \$50 if total volume harvested this quarter is less than 300 MBF
Deduct \$100 if total volume harvested this quarter is less than 100 MBF
Deduct \$150 if total volume harvested this quarter is less than 25 MBF

County:

Deduct \$40 if harvesting was located in any of the following counties:
Marin, Monterey, San Mateo, Santa Clara, or Santa Cruz

Low Volume Per Acre:

Deduct \$25 if the average volume harvested this quarter is under 5 MBF per acre

\$ 1 PER MBF IS THE MINIMUM HARVEST VALUE ALLOWABLE AFTER ADJUSTMENTS

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TABLE S - SALVAGE HARVEST VALUES - This table shows the harvest values for the timber by species, size and timber value area. The taxpayer makes the adjustments for the logging system and for small total volume on the harvest operation and county location if the operation qualifies.

Tractor Logging (Logging Code T)														
SPECIES	SPECIES CODE	VOLUME PER LOG	TIMBER VALUE AREA											
			SIZE CODE	1	2N	2S	3	4	5	6	7	8	9N	9S
Ponderosa Pine	PPS	Over 300	1	230	220	200	320	330	350	300	380	340	250	1
		150-300	2	190	180	170	240	250	290	220	260	270	220	1
		Under 150	3	130	150	110	150	150	140	160	160	250	170	1
Hem/fir	FS	N/A	N/A	80	50	50	80	130	110	180	150	80	90	1
Douglas-fir	DFS	Over 300	1	290	230	210	290	330	320	320	350	320	180	1
		150-300	2	240	160	150	260	290	290	290	290	230	150	1
		Under 150	3	210	140	140	230	250	210	270	240	210	140	1
Incense Cedar	ICS	N/A	N/A	200	200	N/A	260	280	280	300	320	240	240	1
Redwood	RS	Over 300	1	570	540	540	N/A	N/A	450	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		150-300	2	500	460	470	N/A	N/A	380	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Under 150	3	470	430	440	N/A	N/A	300	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Port-Orford Cedar	PCS	Over 125	1	750	N/A	N/A	560	560	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		125 & Under	2	230	N/A	N/A	230	230	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ADJUSTMENTS														
Logging System:			Small Total Volume:											
Deduct \$40 for volumes which were yarder/skyline logged (Logging Code S)			Deduct \$50 if total volume harvested this quarter is less than 300 MBF											
Deduct \$140 for volumes which were helicopter logged (Logging Code H)			Deduct \$100 if total volume harvested this quarter is less than 100 MBF											
			Deduct \$150 if total volume harvested this quarter is less than 25 MBF											
County:			\$ 1 PER MBF IS THE MINIMUM HARVEST VALUE ALLOWABLE AFTER ADJUSTMENTS											
Deduct \$20 if harvesting was located in any of the following counties: Marin, Monterey, San Mateo, Santa Clara, or Santa Cruz														